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DNA SEQUENCES CODING FOR THE DR B-CHAIN

LOCUS OF THE HUMAN LYMPHOCYTE ANTIGEN

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PROCESSES AND PRODUCT RELATED THERETO

New York, New York February 22, 2000

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants request that the time for filing an Appeal Brief in the above-identified application be extended for a period of five months, from September 22, 1999 up to and including February 22, 2000.

Applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$1,850.00 in payment of the fee for this five-month extension

[37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5) and § 1.9(f)]. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fee required in connection with this Petition, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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